

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant:	Walston, et al.	)	
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Serial No.:		)	Examiner:
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Filed:		)	Art Unit:
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For:	Low-Sulfur Article Having a Platinum-	)	
	Aluminide Protective Layer and its	)	
	Preparation	)	

Asst. Commissioner for Patents  
Washington D.C. 20231

Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

As a result of a restriction requirement made final in parent application Serial No. 09/328,574, filed June 9, 1999, Applicants submit this preliminary amendment in a divisional application therefrom for claiming the restricted method invention.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 3, with the following paragraph:

This application is a divisional of application Ser. No. 09/328,574, filed June 6, 1999, which is a continuation-in-part of application Ser. No. 09/149,018, filed September 8, 1998, for which priority is claimed and whose disclosure is incorporated by reference. This application also is a continuation-in-part of pending application Ser. No. 08/398,259, filed March 3, 1995, for which priority is claimed; which in turn is a continuation-in-part of application Ser. No. 07/960,494, filed Oct. 13, 1992, now US Patent 5,538,796, for which priority is claimed.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Cancel claims 1-9.

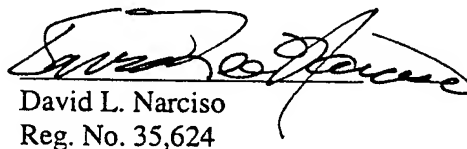
**REMARKS**

The application has been amended to include the priority claimed in the parent application Serial No. 09/328,574. Claims 10-19 were non-elected in the earlier application Serial No. 09/328,574 based on a restriction requirement.

It is respectfully submitted that the claims, as amended, disclose a novel and non-obvious invention which is patentable.

In the event the Examiner wishes to discuss any aspect of this preliminary amendment, please contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,



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